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News reaches us through reliable information that the people of Jackson county are delighted with the roads obtained by bonds. Even those who voted against the bonds are now glad the proposition carried. As the Courier goes into a number of homes in Jackson county, we invite short communications touching on the road subject from residents of that county.

Rev. J. L. Smotherman, since observing the great improvement of the roads in Jackson county by the recent bond issue, speaks in strong terms favoring the issuance of \$300,000.00 in bonds to build roads in Smith county. In previous elections, Rev. Smotherman has manifested little, or no interest, and his now pronounced position favoring the bond issue is significant. Rev. Smotherman also states that he finds large numbers of former opponents to bonds in Smith county, who say they will support the issue in the pending election.

The destruction by fire of the handsome residence of W. A. Jordan of Dixon Springs, the residence of Jim Nolner of Hickman, and about 64 stables at the Carthage Fair ground within two days convince us that fire is likely to originate anywhere and at any time. Fortunately, the property of Mr. Jordan and Mr. Nolner was insured, yet the loss will far exceed the amount covered by insurance. The fair ground property was not insured and the total loss is estimated at something like \$500.00. Had Carthage been equipped with a fire prevention system, this loss could have been greatly reduced. It is purely a paying proposition for the town of Carthage to install a fire prevention system. It means money saved to the property owners. The most economical course to pursue should be outlined and immediate steps taken to protect our property against the fire fiend. Unless this is done, we can look for business houses and residences to be utterly destroyed at any time. It is unwise to delay this matter.

County road enthusiasts and the county road officials should make a complete study and investigation of area, population, topography to be served by the system of roads that will be submitted to the voters for approval. The practice of issuing bonds for highway and bridge construction by counties has become a common practice throughout every state in the union. On January 1, 1914, 1,230 counties or 41.1 per cent of all the counties in the United States had outstanding road and bridge bonds. The bonded liability on the above date was \$286,557,073 of which \$57,153,718 was township bonds. The amount of highway bonds on January 1, 1913, was approximately \$202,549,297. The grand total voted for highway bonds up to January 1, 1914, was \$445,147,073. Tennessee has been one of the most progressive states of the south during 1915 in voting county highway, bridge bonds and special road and bridge appropriations. Approximately \$6,000,000 has been ratified by vote of the county courts with \$2,000,000 now pending in county court appropriations and bond issues to be voted on.

GIVE US A CHANCE.

"Call and give us a chance before sending your money out of the county. Resolve to help your own county. Be a booster for better schools, better roads and better citizenship. Don't tear down home enterprises by sending your money away from home, especially when your dollar fails to get any more value than you receive at home."

The above is the last paragraph of an advertisement gotten up by W. W. Chambers, one of Dixon Springs' enterprising and progressive merchants. Mr. Chambers realizes, as must every other merchant in the county, that far too much money is being spent away from home for merchandise, etc., and after quoting prices on a number of articles, made this strong appeal to the public to patronize home enterprises. It should not be necessary to offer any special inducements to get the people of Smith county to give loyal and hearty support to local merchants, and if the merchants and other business men of the county would follow Mr. Chambers' example it would do much toward remedying the destructive practice of trading away from home.

CONFEDERATE MONUMENT.

It will be gratifying to the friends of the Confederate monument movement to know that the veteran confederate private, Marcus B. Toney of Nashville, and W. E. Myer of Carthage will canvass Smith county in an effort to complete the fund necessary to erect a monument at Carthage to commemorate the valor of confederate soldiers from this county. This movement has been before the public for a long time and has attracted much interest. Already a goodly sum has been subscribed for the purpose of erecting a monument at Carthage and the activities of Col. Toney and W. E. Myer will do much toward completing the necessary fund.

No more beautiful or fitting mark of appreciation could be shown those dear old soldiers who wore the gray than to erect a handsome monument to commemorate their struggles in the 60's. Many of Smith county's best and bravest sons freely gave their fortunes and shed their blood fighting for the cause they thought was right and died for the land they loved. Weary, half-starved, barefooted and in rags they were defeated and left the battlefield, overwhelmed and overpowered, yet undaunted and unconquered. When the conflict ended, the Confederate soldier stood among his ruined country still a hero. His sword was broken, his home was in ashes and he had lost all save honor; yet he did not idly weep away the passing years. He put away the knapsack, abandoned the rebel yell, put up the sword and entered the battles of industry and commerce, and today we are experiencing the richest and grandest period of the ages. And now, fellowcitizens, it is to the memory of these grand old battle-scarred and war-swept heroes that we wish to erect a monument. Let their sons and daughters all join in this campaign to raise sufficient funds with which to do it.

SEEKING TO MISLEAD.

Senator Luke Lea in his speeches has sought to make the impression that he has been an active friend and supporter of Upper Cumberland river improvement. We are glad to give due credit to every one so entitled, but Senator Lea's record contradicts his pretensions. During the long, hard struggle of six years, waged by Congressman Hull and other leading citizens of the Upper Cumberland to secure favorable action on the river project by the Department of Engineers and by congress, it was always impossible to secure the presence and assistance of Senator Lea at any river meeting or any hearing before the engi-

neers or before any committee of Congress, until after the fight had been won before the department of Engineers and the entire river project had been adopted by the lower house of Congress. Senator Lea never opened his mouth for the measure, while it slumbered for several months in the senate, until the European war broke out, and it was then defeated, we hope only temporarily. Had Senator Lea spent more of his time in Washington attending to his duties and less of his time in Nashville meddling with other peoples' affairs, this vital measure might not have failed in the senate after it had unanimously passed the lower house. It is a gross fraud on the voters of the upper river section for Lea to now pretend that he has rendered them the slightest services in aid of this great project during his five long years in the senate. His actions belie his words for the record shows his utter want of interest, or even sympathy, in this movement.

The Fellows Who Also Ran.

When the hot track smokes and smothers with the dust and trampling feet, when the favorites and the others sweep by in the final heat, there are plenty to cheer the winners and yell for the fortunate man. But here's to those plucky sinners—the fellows who also ran. Let's give to the defeated the "glad hand"—the fellow who won don't need it—it's the fellow who loses the world never chooses, so here's to the fellow who's defeated.

FESTUS.

Dixon Springs.

HICKMAN

Billy Barbee is very low. Uncle Dan Agee, one of our oldest and most beloved citizens, died last week and was buried Friday at his home. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Wainford and Frye. Frank Cooper, Miss Lena Bradford and Earl Bradford were visiting S. J. Thomas at this place Sunday. Miss Verna Nolen is visiting her aunt at Dry Creek. Miss Mary Smith was visiting relatives at this place. Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Ashley spent Sunday with their daughter, Miss Ruby, at Murfreesboro. Mrs. W. H. Betty is visiting her mother at Cookeville. Rev. James Davenport filled his appointment here Sunday. Tim Nolner's house burned Sunday. Nearly all the contents were destroyed.

BRUSH CREEK

Misses Juanita Sweeny and Erlene Young of Watertown were here last week. Mrs. J. T. Timberlake of Nashville, visited relatives here. Misses Bertha Smartt and Esther Lee Davis were in Gordonsville Saturday. Miss Frances Fuller visited Mrs. Chas. Edwards at Cherry Valley. Mrs. Thomas Phillips is in Nashville. Mrs. Walter Turner has returned from Lebanon where she underwent a successful operation. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson have gone to Wilder where they will reside. Miss Bertha Atwood was in Nashville last week. Mrs. H. T. Fuller was in Cherry Valley. Miss Ladye Carpenter spent the weekend with home-folks at New Middleton. J. L. Smartt was in Nashville Monday.

Box Supper at Difficult

There will be a box supper given at the Difficult school house on Friday night, Nov. 12, and all are invited to come and bring a box. There will be a \$2 premium for the prettiest box offered for sale. The proceeds of the supper will go for the improvement of the school. Don't fail to be present.

MISS AKERS HAD GIVEN UP ALL HOPE Despaired of Ever Seeing Well Day Again and Had to Go To Hospital

"When they took me to the hospital I gave up all hope of ever seeing a well day again," said Miss Lillie Akers, 1164 Twenty Eighth Ave., south, Nashville a few days ago, in telling of her remarkable restoration to health. "For a long time I suffered with stomach trouble and indigestion," she continued, "and fell off from 125 pounds until I only weighed 100. I was so weak I couldn't dress myself, let alone do anything about the house. I just ached all over. My stomach was so weak and digestion so poor I had to live on the lighted food. I had such headache, dizzy spells, and felt so run down I didn't care whether I lived or died—even my eyes pained me, and the pain would extend to my head and ears. My blood was thin, my color was bad and I didn't seem to have strength or energy. I had a choking sensation in my throat and frequently suffered with smothering spells. I couldn't sleep to do any good, and even the noise of the street cars nearly ran me crazy. In this condition I went to the hospital, and after a long rest was barely able to get home. One day one of my neighbors called and begged me to try Tanlac. I felt my life was slowly ebbing away. I was getting worse again. I began taking Tanlac.

"I came down on this afternoon for my third bottle, and I want to tell you I never dreamed any medicine could bring me back to the health of my girlhood days, but Tanlac did, and Oh, I am so grateful. Why sir, I have gained ten pounds, and just feel so good I hardly know myself. Yesterday one of my neighbors called and didn't know me at first, so great was the change. I am able now to look after my household duties and have no aches or pains. My color is much better I can eat anything I want, and Oh, how good every thing tastes. Those nervous spells have left me, I sleep like a baby and get up in the morning feeling rested and refreshed. I just feel like I have taken a new lease on life. I am a new woman now, with new hopes and new life and energy."

Tanlac is sold in Carthage exclusively by READ BROS. and in Gordonsville by GWALTNEY & WILSON.

GRANT.

J. P. Ward and H. O. Barbee were in Lebanon Monday. Dave Highers is seriously ill. Mrs. Johnson Whitley of Gordonsville and Mrs. H. B. McGinness of Carthage were the guests of Mrs. G. W. Gill last week. Gordon Moore and son of Louisville visited relatives here last week. Miss Mande Jenkins spent the weekend with Miss Irene Goodall at Tucker's X Roads. Miss Almeda Kennedy of Carthage spent the weekend with Miss Birdie Neal. J. B. Burress and Enlace Wheeler of Fosterville visited the latter's aunt, Mrs. Amanda Gill, last Sunday. Mr. Wheeler is thinking of teaching a vocal school here in the near future.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 10th day of December, A. D. 1915. A. W. GLEASON,
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Contributed By Pupils of the Carthage High School.

A Corn Field.

On a dark and dreary morning, I looked from the second story of a large dwelling, down through a small, damp and rugged hollow into a large cornfield. The ears were drooped toward the ground, and the stalks were mingled and mangled, and looked as if they had only a few more days to live. The tiny drops of water fell from one blade to another, seeming to weep that their days were few. Beyond the cornfield is a high bluff partly hidden by a dismal fog.

Webster B. Key.

A Flower Garden.

On a June afternoon on a warm summer day as the sun was slowly sinking in the West and the insects were hushed by the call on mother nature, a beautiful maiden was sitting upon an iron bench in her lovely flower garden with her feet buried in the soft green grass. Above her twined a blooming jessamine and spread fragrance all around. In the middle of the garden was a rose arbor surrounding an old well all overgrown with moss. At the end of a large bed of purple asters was a gurgling spring, and the water came tumbling and jumping over the rock wall. Varieties of flowers were dotted all over the garden, and one or two maples made delightful shade.

Annie Louise Wright.

Caught.

A small negro boy is crouched in the corner of an old rock fence where tall poke stalks and many varieties of weeds have crowded out the corn. A long, dark green watermelon is lying in good view of the large white eyes. But through the thickly-grown blackberry vines behind is seen the face of an old man with short, white beard. As he peeps from under his broad, straw hat, he lifts a crooked stick with his right hand.

Dewey Smotherman.

A Valley.

Standing near the top of low hill, I could see before me a beautiful valley stretching far into the distance and dotted with stately trees. The green of the valley, in the early light of a clear morning, looked as if it were sprinkled with tiny diamonds. Birds just leaving boughs of the giant oaks flitted through the still air singing their sweet lullabys. Beyond the valley was a small slope covered with evergreens, from which ran a clear shining brook winding its way through the stretch of level land. The sun just peeping through the trees on the opposite side of the slope cast a beautiful light upon the clear, blue of the sky.

Eula West.